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NO REFUSAL WEEKEND IN FRISCO FOR INTOXICATED DRIVERS

FRISCO, TX – The Frisco Police Department will continue its zero tolerance approach to intoxicated driving by enforcing a no refusal weekend over the Halloween weekend. Starting today and ending at 6 a.m. on Monday morning, intoxicated drivers who are arrested by Frisco police officers will be provided an opportunity to give a voluntary breath specimen and, if they refuse, will then be required by a judge's order to provide a blood specimen.

The no refusal weekends are not new in Frisco and occur on a regular basis; however, Frisco police are even more vigilant in DWI enforcement during holidays such as this weekend. Since October 1 of this year, Frisco police officers have arrested 28 individuals for Driving While Intoxicated offenses. This accounts for approximately 6% of the total arrests for the month, which is too high in the eyes of agency leaders. "We believe in a zero tolerance policy for DWIs," said Chief of Police Todd Renshaw. "Getting behind the wheel after you've had too much to drink is dangerous, and we will not tolerate it in Frisco."

Nurses will be at the Frisco City Jail all weekend long to take blood once officers obtain signed warrants from area judges. The nurses are provided at no charge to the Frisco Police Department by the Collin County District Attorney's Office, which has a long-standing relationship with Frisco on preventing the consequences of intoxicated driving.

The offense of Driving While Intoxicated ranges from a Class B Misdemeanor to a felony in the State of Texas depending on a variety of factors, such as prior offender convictions, accidents involving injury, and ages of passengers in the vehicle

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